



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, Omaha Police Chief Eric Buske, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** For having been a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on June 19, 2008, Darrius N. Keown was sentenced by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, to serve 37 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On June 19, 2008, Omaha Police and a Federal Probation Officer searched the residence of Keown, who was on federal Supervised Release. Police found a loaded .38 revolver in a drawer next to Keown's bed, and a loaded .22 pistol on the bed, sticking partially out of a Crown Royal bag. Police also found several boxes of ammunition in the same bedroom, as well as in a false bottom in a desk. Keown was prohibited from possessing a firearm by virtue of an earlier felony conviction.

**Name of Defendant:** Darrius N. Keown

**AKA:**

**Age:** 29

**City of Residence:** Omaha

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):** Felon in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Keown's home

**Location of Arrest:** Keown's home

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** n/a

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** n/a

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** June 19, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** September 2, 2008

**Date Complaint Issued:** n/a

**Indictment Returned Date:** August 20, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** September 4, 2008

**Plea Date(s):** November 25, 2008

**Sentencing Date:** February 23, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** n/a

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Hon. Thomas Thalken

**Held without Bond:** Since September 2, 2008

**In Continuous Custody Since:** June 19, 2008

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Hon. Laurie Smith Camp

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** MDW